If conditions sixty, seventy or eighty years ago were considered, the decrease shown in inebriety would be most striking, one drunkard being found in a thousand where formerly there were probably twenty or thirty. In the early days of the republic, whiskey was an article of wide consumption, made so because it was the only alcoholic stimulant easily obtainable at a distance from the seacoast and because large quantities of grain could be profitably converted into liquor in the interior communities.

Economic causes have operated powerfully to diminish hard drinking. Fifty or sixty years ago there were thousands of communities in which professional men could drink to excess without suffering in public opinion. Now such offenders would quickly lose their standing and not only professional men, but workers in all trades, especially in those in which machinery is employed, are obliged to keep sober in order to hold their places. The inebriate is a dead weight in modern society. The older order was more than kind to him, but the newer is relentless. The younger generation has accurate views on that point, and the proportion of young men handicapping themselves with drinking habits is becoming smaller every year. Young men nowadays are too intent on other things to be greatly attracted by the cheap lure of dissipation.

All progress in the past half century has helped the cause of moderation. Legislation has been appealed to both to end the sale of liquors and regulate it. But economic and educational pressure has done more than legislation to put a rigorous ban on inebriety.—New York Tribune.

Duplicity

A Protestant clergyman, writing in an exchange, tells a good story about some Presby 'erians who have a 'mission' in a district largely peop'ed by Catholies whom they are seeking to detach from their ancestral faith. But finding, we suppose, that a fair and square substitution of Presbyterianism for Catholicity would be a tactical blunder, they used a different method. They thought they would make use of Catholic symbols in their 'mission' so as not to scare their "converts' away by the baldness and bareness of what they are pleased to call "the pure Gospel." So they went to buy a crucifix; but none could be found to suit them. "They wanted one with a nice cheerful expression!" — Sacred Heart Review.

In Memorium

True priest, time's hand can ne'er efface
From Christian hearts one single trace
That memory fondly enshrines there,
Of thy great mind and virtues rare
That shone so brightly here below,
Where much is selfishness and woe.

No; years may ceaseless onward roll— The flowrets planted in the soul, And garlands by affection twined Round thy loved name therein enshrined Shall oft times bloom, when memory's

wing Shall fond remembrance of thee bring, The sycamore that shades the tomb Shall cast its leaf and shed its bloom Before oblivion's icy hands Shall sever those endearing bonds

That link thee to our memory dear, As a true friend all should revere. And oft' we'll see in fancy rise And off we'll see in lancy rise
Thy priestly form and saintly eyes
Beaming with light and learning true—
Now hidden by the tomb from view.
"I'll hope bright boon to mortals given
Allures our thoughts from earth to

heaven, Where friends whom death does cruelly

Shall meet in endless bliss forever.

Oh! faithful priest 1 oh! trusted friend!

Be Thine the vision without end!

May Jesus with a look benign

Place thee amid the choirs divine,

Where angels harp their harps of gold

And youth and beauty ne'er grow old.

Where Virgins bear the verdant palm Where Virgins bear the verdant palm
To grace the triumph of the Lamb

Man's faded glory to regain. Rest, valiant soul—thy combat's o'er— Thy race is ran—Time's thine no more Be thine in bliss the great reward, The lasting vision of thy Lord. As onward endless ages roll— Rest noble priest—Peace to thy soul.

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